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SUBJECT: REPROCESSING NEGOTIATION WITH PAKISTAN

1. IN MARCH 8 LUNCHEON CONVERSATION WITH JOSEPH NYE (DEPUTY TO UNDER SECRETARY), AMBASSADOR YAQUB KHAN EXPRESSED FOLLOWING VIEWS ON PERSONAL BASIS:

-- IN REVIEWING TALKS WITH GOP ON NUCLEAR ISSUES, U.S. SHOULD AVOID TO EXTENT POSSIBLE PUBLIC EXPOSURE WHICH HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRG AND BRAZIL.

-- IT IS IMPORTANT NOT TO PRESS FOR ABROGATION OF FRENCH/PAKISTAN NUCLEAR ACCORD NOR TO HUMILIATE GOP IN PURSUING ALTERNATIVES TO REPROCESSING PROJECT.

-- PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S ELECTORAL SUCCESS WILL GIVE GOP
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NECESSARY STABILITY TO SOLVE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US.

-- WHILE BHUTTO'S STATEMENT TO "U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT" ABOUT HIS DESIRE TO HAVE A NUCLEAR OPTION WAS PROBABLY WELL CONSIDERED, AMBASSADOR CONTINUED TO BELIEVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS SHOULD NOT BE PURSUED BY GOP AND CONVENTIONAL DEFENSE SHOULD

BE EMPHASIZED INSTEAD. FYI - YAQUB MADE NO REPEAT NO
EFFORT TO PORTRAY REPROCESSING AS PEACEFUL PROJECT. END
FYI.

2. NYE INDICATED THAT NEW ADMINISTRATION HAD CAREFULLY RE-
VIEWED PREDECESSOR'S POSITIONS AND PROGRESS ACHIEVED TO
DATE AND THAT WE FAVOR DISCREET AND TIMELY RESUMPTION OF
TALKS ON NUCLEAR ISSUES. CURRENT ADMINISTRATION WOULD OF
COURSE HAVE ITS OWN APPROACHES TO OUTSTANDING ISSUES.
U.S. WOULD OF COURSE NOT HUMILIATE GOP, WOULD SEEK TO
AVOID ANY PUBLICITY REGARDING TALKS, AND WOULD WELCOME GOP
SUGGESTIONS ON HOW BEST TO PROCEED. IT REMAINS IMPORTANT
NOT TO HAVE EITHER SIDE'S HAND FORCED BY SENSITIVE NUCLEAR
TRANSFERS TRIGGERING SYMINGTON AMENDMENT AND CONGRESSIONAL
AND PUBLIC FORCES.

3. YAQUB UNDERTOOK TO SEEK HIS GOVERNMENT'S SUGGESTIONS ON
NEXT STEPS, AGREEING THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO BEGIN TALKS
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TO AVOID IMPOSITION OF SYMINGTON
AMENDMENT.
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